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Car Shortage Feared

St. Paul, Minn., August 7.—Alarm is being felt by traffic men all over the country because of the car situation. Conditions seem to point to another shortage this year which will be even more serious than last year. Traffic is already being delayed by congestion and conditions on the whole are worse now than they were at this time last year. The shortage will be felt over the entire country. Every railroad in the United States has "spotters" out to locate its freight cars and all companies are harboring equipments for future use. The shortage will be felt the worst, however, in the northwest. Little or no trackage has been built in this territory and facilities are not much better than they were last year. At the same time, the steady growth of the northwest has increased the business to such an extent that the roads will be swamped. Apprehension is also being felt because of the future coal and fuel situation. Conditions are much the same as they were last year, and with another severe winter the suffering will be intense. Railway companies cannot be held to blame for trouble if there is another fuel famine. They have done everything possible to induce the farmers and country people to lay in a supply of winter coal now, but orders are not forthcoming. Coal dealers have laid in thousands of tons of fuel at the docks along the lake points and at the terminals and are awaiting orders. It is expected that the country people will hold off their orders just as they did last year, until the last minute. By that time the crops will be in full swing, so that there will be little or no opportunity for moving fuel. Circulars have been issued repeatedly by the railroads warning people to buy their coal now, but they have been little heeded.

Mrs. Eddy's Estate

Concord, N.H., Aug. 7.— George W. Glover and his daughter, Miss Marry Baker Glover, of Lead, South Dakota, principals in the suit for an accounting of the property of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, arrived here a few days ago in answer to a summons to appear before the masters appointed to determine the question of Mrs. Eddy's competency. Mr. Glover is the son of Mrs. Eddy, and Mary Baker Glover is his daughter.

Fined for Tooth Pulling

Hamilton, August 7.— Judge Jelfs imposed a fine of $20 and costs on James Henry, a Toronto man, charged with practising dentistry, and not being a member of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons. Henry is proprietor of the Hamilton Dental Parlors and employs qualified dentists to do the work, but the magistrate held that he must also be a dentist. The case will be appealed.

Canada Scored in New Zealand

Ottawa, Aug. 7.—Four special awards have been made to Canada for exhibits at the New Zealand exhibition at Christ Church. They are for mineral; manufactures installed, and comprehensiveness of display. The exhibits were not entered for competition but the splendid display left the directors of the exhibition no other course they say.

Child Fatally Burned

Montreal, August 7.—Approaching too close to a bonfire on a vacant lot, five year old Florence Day, of Marianne street, had her clothing ignited by the flames and sustained fatal burns before her garments were finally torn off. Notwithstanding promptly summoned medical aid, she died.

Sensational Suicide

Antwerp, Aug. 7.—A sensational suicide has occurred here. Mr. Jacques Simon, a silk merchant, in the presence of a crowd that thronged the Cathedral Square, jumped from the second gallery of the cathedral tower, a distance of more than 200 feet. Death was instantaneous.

Terrific Storm in Minnesota

Winona, Minn., August 7.— This city, with the surrounding country and villages was swept by a terrific windstorm yesterday. Several people were injured and it is estimated that between one hundred and fifty thousand and two hundred thousand dollars damage was done to property. What is the loss to farmers in the country and to the little towns cannot be ascertained owing to the fact that all telephone and telegraph wires are down. It is thought, however, that in the path of the storm all grain was destroyed. It is also believed that the little towns suffered heavily. Winona was in darkness last night, all of the electric light wires being down. The authorities, directed by Mayor Muir, are doing all in their power to help those left homeless. A peculiar effect of the storm was the overturning of two cars in a Green Bay passenger train between East Winona and Marshland. There were a few people in the two cars that were overturned and three of these were injured. Luckily, the wreck did not catch on fire and the injured were saved. The injured were brought to this hospital in this city. They are: H. Fuller, mail clerk; Henry Schulte, brakeman, and H. Eitchhausen of Sparta, Wis.

Voliva Wants Colony of His Own

Chicago, Aug. 7.—Voliva's reason for his abandonment of Zion City is that he was refused by Judge Landis, of the United States district court his petition that he be appointed a co-receiver with John C. Hately, now in charge of the Zion City property.

Voliva asserted his defiance of the forces organized against him and declared that he would abandon Zion City to establish a colony of his own elsewhere. "I shall abandon the old hulk," declared Voliva as he was leaving the court after his petition had been denied, and the sale of the lace factory for three hundred and eighty thousand dollars had been ordered.

"It is my purpose to gather my followers about me as soon as possible and leave. When I go I will take a big following along to establish a new colony."

Diamond Smugglers in Canada

New York, August 7.— Following the report that diamond smugglers in Canada are becoming more active the government secret service agents are losing no time in their efforts to run them down. Some smugglers have shifted from Montreal to Toronto and Winnipeg, it is said, thus extending their operations between Canada and this country. Detectives are in various Canadian centres investigating.

Government Supervision of Fuel Supply

Toronto, August 7.— The Globe, in an editorial on the prospect of a fuel famine in the west this coming winter, says in part: "It seems questionable if the fuel supply of the prairie provinces, important and difficult to procure, can safely be left to accidents or private speculation and enterprise. Adjustments of supply and demand cannot be arranged by magic. There will be shortages in various lines in spite of the best calculations, but the fuel supply is of such special moment that the question of legislative interference or supervision is worthy of consideration by the local government."

Christians Massacred

Tiberan, Persia, August 7.—Ninety Christians, including women and children have been massacred in the town of Meva by Turkish troops. Ten girls were carried away captives.

Thanksgiving Day Fixed

(Special to the Chronicle)

Ottawa, August 8.—Thanksgiving Day this year will be the last Thursday in October.

New York Social Amenities

New York, August 7.—Mrs. Ogden Goelet and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt are to have no place in the festivities in honor of Crown Prince William, of Sweden, who will arrive here Aug. 22 for a stay of five days with Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish. For the first time on the occasion of a visit of a distinguished nobleman Mrs. Fish absorbed the situation. Mrs. Ogden Mills and Mrs. Edward J. Berwind have been let in a little bit. Cotagers who naturally are much interested in the matter cannot but view it in connection with the Fish-Harriman railroad controversy, and so they take it to be Mrs. Fish's victory. As Cornelius Vanderbilt stood with Harriman, Mrs. Vanderbilt is not to have any hand in entertaining the prince, and as Mrs. Goelet is Mrs. Vanderbilt's sister, she is also with the "outs." When Grand Duke Boris visited here four years ago, Mrs. Goelet and Mrs. Vanderbilt led in entertaining in his honor, as they have on the occasion of visits here of every other titled foreigner in years.

A Chinese Puzzle

San Francisco, Aug. 7.—The case of the twenty-four Chinese members of the crew of the German tramp steamer Tolstan, who deserted from that vessel last Friday and have since been in charge of the federal authorities has involved this government, Germany and China in a tangle that will have to be unravelled by the representatives of those nations in Washington, to whom the matter has been referred. When the Chinese were taken before U. S. Commissioner Peacock on a charge of being illegally in this country, Owyang King, assistant Chinese consul, said that the men were willing to be deported and would wave their rights of appeal if they were returned to China on some vessel other than the Tolsan, on which they had been treated cruelly. The German consul asked that the prisoners be given to him to be placed in the custody of the captain of the Tolsan in accordance with the immigration laws and treaties. This request Commissioner Peacock denied, and ordered that the prisoners be deported. The Chinese consul has wired to Washington to prevent the men being taken back on the Tolsan. The German consulate also wired an appeal from Commissioner Peacock's order of deportation and United States Marshall Elliott has asked Washington for definite instructions. The prisoners will be kept in the Alemenda county jail until a reply from Washington shall have been received.

Sioux Chiefs in Old London

London, Aug. 7 — Two red chiefs of the once famous Sioux tribe arrived in London on Monday. They are Akasha and Keyaka and they have come all the way from Griswold, Manitoba, to see Lord Strathcona, High Commissioner for Canada, whom they call "The Great White Chief." Accompanying them is Peter Motanhotaine, an Indian interpreter. Their mission is to obtain what they call their lobiar and shooting rights, which they declare are being seriously encroached upon by rich Americans in search of sport. Both Akasha and Keyaka were splendidly arrayed in the gorgeous clothing of the tribe, skins, feathers and top boots with a heavy skin pouch across each shoulder, studded with hundreds of blue beads and radiantly-colored. It was promised that their case should be laid before the proper authorities.

Canadians in German Train Wreck

(Special to the Chronicle)

Berlin, Germany, August 8.—An express train running from Hamburg to Berlin yesterday collided with a freight train near Tremessen. Both trains were smashed into kindling wood. The casualties will number at least fifty, including some Canadians and Americans.

Canada Will be Represented

(Special to the Chronicle)

London, August 8.—The Franco-British exhibition next year will cover 100 acres of ground, of which 30 acres will be occupied by buildings. Canada's exhibit will occupy 120,000 feet.

A Modern Godiva

(Special to the Chronicle)

Conventry, England August 8—The city was thronged yesterday by thousands of people assembled to witness the Lady Godiva pageant in which La Mile, a beautiful actress who once came time past has been posing in living pictures on the London music hall stage, rode through the streets in a manner an approach to a nude condition as the authorities would permit. She was clad in a nebulous mass of gauze and her own luxuriant hair. For the origin of this ride one has to back to the eleventh century, when the origin Lady Godiva, wife of the Earl of Coventry, lived. The Earl, a brutal and avaricious man, had imposed heavy taxes upon the townspeople and the gentle Countess begged him to lighten their burden. The Earl consented on condition that she should ride through the streets naked, and Lady Godiva accepted this condition. All residents were under penalty of death to remain in their homes and refrain from looking forth. Only one citizen disobeyed this order. This was a tailor who was afterwards known as Peeping Tom of Coventry, and who was stricken blind for his presumption.

CHRONKS.

Toronto, Aug. 6.—"Alberta is prospering. Real estate in the cities and towns is quiet, due to the condition of the money market, but business otherwise is unusually good. Alberta is destined to be the banner province of western Canada."

This is the emphatic assertion of Mr. W. A. Buchanan, of Lethbridge and Edmonton, who has come east on a mission for the Alberta Government in connection with the Provincial Library. MR. BUCHANAN IS ONE OF THOSE BRIGHT ONTARIO NEWSPAPER MEN WHO WENT WEST AND MADE GOOD. HE NOW CONTROLS A SUCCESSFUL NEWSPAPER IN LETHBRIDGE, AND HAS UNDERTAKEN AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT, THE ORGANIZATION OF PROVINCIAL LIBRARIES IN ALBERTA. He has come east to look over the libraries of the older provinces and some of the nearer States. This morning he left for Ottawa to get ideas from the Library of Parliament.

We recommend the above to those of our critics who have fallen into the fashion of shouting graft when a Board of Trade secretary happens to be also a newspaper man, and who call such a circumstance a competition with private business. Consistency ever was a jewel, and is yet—when you find it.

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The Calgary Herald says that the forbears of the big buffalo herd now at Lamont were a peace offering. If southern Alberta doesn't get the balance of the herd they are likely to be a war whoop.

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Alberta's arms have been established by warrant from the College of Arms, London, England, this fair province can now say to the lumber combine, "Come into my arms, you Big Saw-Log."

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The meeting yesterday of Hon. Frank Oliver and the sugary Calgary Liberals, who have been told that the barracks for the Strathcona Horse were to be located at Medicine Hat, put the greatest strain on the English language that it has known since before Mark Twain crossed the equator. The meeting is also believed to be responsible for the heavy rain of last night.

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Experts lately returned from Pelican Rapids report enough asphaltum up there to pave every street in the world, even the road already macadamized with "good resolution."

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Calgary papers lament the absence of a vag, wanted as a witness in a police court trial. That eliminates one name from the count. That twenty-one thousand odd population is gradually being reduced to normal proportions. The absence of the 100,000 club of Calgary the other day on an excursion left some 70,000 persons less than nobody in the city. Those Calgary figures are awfully bewildering.

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"The magistracy is in many cases more vital to the every day interests of justice than even the judicial positions in the Superior courts. It touches life at a hundred points. Often the rights of citizens and the course of justice itself are dependent on the intelligence and integrity of the magistrate! The remuneration of the office is often meagre and for that reason its dignity should be more carefully guarded.—Globe.

The Globe editor might have had the local situation in mind when he so accurately described the conditions prevailing here.

Strathcoua Won Last Night

The Strathcona lacrosse club have had the very worst of luck this season as regards weather conditions, and last night was no exception to the rule. In the afternoon it appeared as if the weather which had been unsettled, had cleared up, and the merchants have been persuaded to close their stores at six o'clock, there was every prospect for a good gate for the game. But about the time when play should have begun the rain commenced to fall again, and kept most of the citizens at home. Those who did brave the elements, however, saw some good lacrosse; the game was fast and exciting until darkness came on and the ground became too wet to afford a good foothold. In the last quarter it was almost too dark to see the ball except at very close quarters and the grass was thoroughly wet and slippery, the play in consequence being somewhat erratic and more or less a matter of guesswork. Very little dirty or tricky work was attempted but the referee, W. McFarlard, of Edmonton, was, we think, a little too lenient. Several players were sent to the fence, including the Strathcona goalkeeper, who was penalized for slashing an opponent in the last quarter. It was rather dark at this time and difficult to see what happened, but it appeared to us that the man struck charged right in on Malone, and deserved to be cut down.

The first quarter was all in favor of Strathcona, who proceeded to attack right from the face-off, and after ten minutes play Elliott scored on a close-in shoot from a pass by McKay. Most of the play was in Edmonton territory, but once or twice Malone was called upon to save which he did in his usual excellent style.

In the second quarters the Capitals gave a better exhibition of lacrosse and they quickly evened the score, Young beating Malone with a very good shot. Fine combination play was shown by both teams in this quarter and the play was good to watch. The locals worked hard and the Edmonton goal keeper was called upon to stop some hard shots. Towards the end Sammy Humeston put Strathcona in the lead again with a beautiful long shot.

No scoring was done in the third quarter. The gathering gloom made it difficult to see the ball at a distance, and the passing and catching were somewhat fluky.

In the last quarter it was so dark that it was very difficult to follow the ball. A minute or two before the call of time Horribin scored again for the home team, and the game ended with the score 3-1, in their favor.

Sad News for Government Official

(Special to The Chronicle)

Ottawa, Aug. 8.—W. H. Noble, deputy minister of marine, this morning received the sad intelligence that his son S. Noble was drowned while canoeing in the Kootenay Rapids, B. C., on the 4th August. The deceased young man was 29 years of age and was a graduate of Queens.

A Runaway Train

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 7.—Missouri Pacific freight train No. 164 ran away down Shannon Hill here this morning and struck the rear end of No. 154, also a freight, standing on the track. Four persons were killed and two injured. F. D. Scott, fireman on No. 164; Fred Butzicrus, Hasting, Neb., Ralph Moody, Omaha, and an unknown man were killed.

The Marconi Mix-Up

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Montreal, Aug. 8.—John O. Oppo, general manager of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company, has issued a statement in reply to the one given out by Hon. Mr. Templeman, in which, in a general way, he denies the minister's assertions with respect to the alleged desire of the Marconi company to secure a monopoly, and implies that the interview gives evidence of the government's intention to absorb the Marconi Company without consultation.

The Army Colonization Scheme

London, August 6.—A prominet Salvation Army Officer interviewed respecting the Canadian colonization scheme said nothing could be done until the report of the commission of the suggested site was received. If the land and climatic conditions are satisfactory the scheme would be a success. If the report is unsatisfactory, they will look for other suitable lands. If the scheme is successful, it is believed similar effort will be made in other districts of the dominion.

J. A. Morton, of Morton's Cafe, Edmonton, was arrested this morning on a charge of committing an unnatural crime. The arrest was made on Jasper Avenue by Detective Griffith and Constable Howey.

SPORTS

Baseball.

Another to Medicine Hat

Medicine Hat, Aug. 7.—The home team once more got the better of Edmonton this evening, the score being the same as last night, viz., 3—1. Edmonton took the lead in the first inning, but Medicine Hat drew level in the second and went ahead in the fourth, the Capitals accomplishing nothing after their initial effort. There was an exciting time in the eighth, when Edmonton had the bases full and only one out, but they could not get a man home. The game was a pitcher's battle, and Hollis of the Hat had slightly the better of it.

Scores:—

Medicine Hat	0 1 0 1 0 1 0 x—3
Edmonton	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1

Calgary's Turn at Last.

Lethbridge, Aug. 7.—The home team showed poor form this evening, and Calgary piled up ten runs to their four, Morrison, the local pitcher, was batted all over the field, while Barnstead for the visitors had good control throughout. The fielding on both sides was somewhat loose.

Scores:—

Calgary	1 0 4 0 3 1 0 0 1—10
Leth bridge	0 0 1 2 0 0 0 1 0— 4

WESTERN CANADA LEAGUE.

Standing of clubs:—

	W.	L.	P.C.
Medicine Hat	38	25	603
Edmonton	31	27	534
Lethbridge	30	29	508
Calgary	20	38	345

Toronto, Aug. 7.—Geo. Bonhag, who is considered the best man in America at three miles, is endeavoring to get a match on with Tom Longboat at that distance. It is thought that the race may be run at Hamilton on August 31.

Order Restored

(Special to the Chronicle)

Tangier, Morocco, August 7.—Two hundred and fifty sailors and troops from the French and Spanish warships are now guarding Casa Blanca, and order has been temporarily restored.

Big Contract Let

(Special to the Chronicle)

Lethbridge, August 8—The contract has just been let for the million dollar C P R. bridge at this point. The contract for the stone work amounting to $200,000 has been secured by Johnson and the superstructure by the Canadian Bridge Co.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

Medicine Hat, Strathcona and some of the other ambitious cities which look with favor upon the bonus habit, should take some thought of the history of bonusing in the province of Ontario or some of the older provinces.

The usually well informed Albertan in the above item couples Strathcona with Medicine Hat in the "horrible example" class of cities which look with favor upon the bonus habit.

It is only a few weeks since Strathcona ratepayers turned down a bonus proposition so decisively that only 57 votes were cast for it and 225 against.

It is quite true that the city granted a bonus to the C.P.R. of a tract of land and they have never had nor have they now any cause for regret for so doing.

The Albertan has this city in the wrong column, when it describes it as one in favor of bonusing industries. The natural advantages here are so good as to render such a course unnecessary.

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Lest our readers might think we had forgotten that splendid, necessary public utility, the post office, or that the public was not interested in our efforts to keep its many excellencies before the footlights, "on the stage of action" to quote from a Thespian contemporary, we relate the following which was given us this morning by a well known and highly respected professional man in Strathcona. Let us quote his own narrative. "About the third week in July I received notice from a firm in Edmonton. I paid no attention to the date and answered it within a few days. I waited some days for a reply and receiving none within what I thought was a reasonable period I went over. I met a gentleman who had been connected with the firm and explained my business. He seemed much surprised and said, 'Why, man, we haven't sent out any of those notices since last winter,' and turning to his clerk enquired. She looked the matter up and found that the last notice had been sent out in January. 'Since then,' the gentleman said, 'the firm has been dissolved, I have been on a trip to the old country and back, and my then partner has established himself in business in Winnipeg.'" The Strathcona man came back home reflecting on what mighty events have taken place in the world's history between the time that notice was sent and received. Great is the Post Office service in and about Strathcona and Edmonton.

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The sidewalk on the south side of Main street has returned from its vacation. It hadn't been very wet for some time and was ordered away by city physician Mayor Mills without the apparently unimportant detail of a consultation with his colleagues, the members of the Aldermanic Board.

In its absence city foreman Palmer was sent on a mission of mercy, to wit, a search for gravel. The Mayor and engineer McLean had spent three days with a similar object in view and His Worship claimed to have found "slathers" of that valuable material. The teamster who was to act as "common carrier" from the bed to the walk found the road to it of that dark and narrow nature which is likely to lead to the destruction of horses and wagons, and declined to travel over it. Mr. Palmer was asked to report and gave it as his opinion that the deposit would not pan out and was not "pay dirt."

Cement, too, is somewhat scarce in the city, in fact there is only one thing that is scarcer, and that is money with which to buy it. The bank doesn't mind advancing the coin of the realm for wages on needed public works, provided the city will furnish the material. The gravel stringency, the sand stringency, the cement stringency and the money stringency being so acute, nothing was left for the poor old plank sidewalk but to return to its old home where it was replaced yesterday. Its holiday didn't cost much.

The moral of the circumstance is that if you think a sidewalk wants a holiday pull it up and move it out of the way and then go look for the material to build one to replace it.

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The crop condition in this district at the present time is one that inspires the utmost confidence. If the weather from this on proves favorable so that satisfactory ripening results, this part of Alberta will command such attention and enjoy such a reputation as will be its making. Yesterday a resident who has been here for nearly twenty-five years and who for the greater part of that time was engaged in farming returned from a drive of fifty miles. On the trip he was accompanied by two Ontario men and so taken were they with the fertility that despite the fact that they had been all over the west they purchased a farm each.

They say that we in the West have no idea how intently the Ontario farmer is watching the result of this year's harvest. If the country shows no ill effect of the severe winter and the harvest is good, hundreds and hundreds of the cream of Ontario's agricultural population will move west ready for next year's work.

B. B. Gunn, M.P., also, who left here a day or two ago for the coast, purchased a farm in the Clover Bar district and will likely make his future home here. Altogether this district seems to be one in which every present prospect pleases and which is especially favored.

MR. FOY, J. WALTER CURRY, THE GRAND TRUNK AND THE "REPEALED-BY IMPLICATION" DOCTRINE

(Toronto World)

Two cents a mile railway passenger travel is in sight in Canada. It will be here much sooner than most people imagine, but there is a good deal of fighting yet to be done in the way of exposure of the enemies of cheaper rates and especially those enemies who take the shape of newspapers and public men. Most of our rivals are feeling very bad that The World's girls who are off to London to see the King and The World's fight for a penny-a-mile both made good on the same day.

The first thing to be done is to fight the Grand Trunk to a finish in regard to the third-class penny-a-mile service, which the railway commission ordered it to concede the other day and which it says it will not do, under pretence of appealing to the supreme court of Canada. Both the chairman and the other members of the railway commission are very clear on the point that the Grand Trunk is bound to give this penny-a-mile service, that the public's right to such a service is expressly set out in the original charter of the Grand Trunk, that that right has never been repealed, nor would have any parliament ever dared to repeal it. How is the Grand Trunk to be brought to time? First and foremost, the law officers of the Province of Ontario must take up the case and the legislature of Ontario, it may be, must lend a helping hand. The Hon. J. J. Foy is attorney-general and at the present moment acting premier of Ontario. He is the gentleman referred to by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the well-known phrase: "Go to Mr. Foy if you want the penny-a-mile service." So The World is to-day knocking at the door of Mr. Foy and asking him to take up the case of the people of Ontario who live along the line of the Grand Trunk and who are entitled to a penny-a-mile service. The World asks him to engage the best counsel he can get to fight the appeal before the supreme court and to insist on the case coming up immediately. As a little stimulant we wish to tell Mr. Foy that a well-known gentleman of the legal profession, Mr. Walter J. Curry, K.C., to wit, has conducted the proceedings for the private litigant up to date and has done it very well. This same Mr. Curry is an ambitious gentleman and would like to be attorney-general of the Province of Ontario, and he has been already nominated as the Liberal candidate for the riding of East York, where a good many Worlds are bought and read every day. Now if Mr. Foy is not careful this same Mr. Curry will be telling the people of East York that if they make him their member and if his friends succeed in carrying the province, that he will likely be the next attorney-general and if he is attorney-general that he will consider it his first and foremost duty to enforce the laws of this country and especially to bring about a respect for public rights and that he will point to his record in the fight that has already been made in the courts for this penny-a-mile service; so that The World suggests to Mr. Foy that he be as strenuous as he can in battling for the rights of the people and to be mindful that he does not give Mr. Curry the best end of the stick. Let them both strive and see who can accomplish the most for the rights of the people. If we were Mr. Foy we'd engage Mr. Curry at once and put him to work on the job. That would clip his claws, if he had any, and most lawyers have them in pronounced or rudimentary form.

And there is still another way of bringing the railroad to time, and that is for all public bodies to join in a resolution calling on the minister of justice at Ottawa and the ministers of railways to do their whole duty to the people in fighting the Grand Trunk on this important issue. Is it not time that the minister of railways took hold of the situation and the attorney-general of the Dominion took a hand in vindicating public rights? And a similar resolution could be sent to the ministers in the Ontario government.

And there is still another way, and a very good way, of helping the thing on, and that is for every man that travels on the Grand Trunk between Toronto and Montreal to demand a penny-a-mile ticket and the moment he is refused to turn the case over to his lawyer, who will be only too glad to take his chances for a substantial remuneration by entering an action against the Grand Trunk for damages. We are quite confident that any man will get big damages and all his costs by the non-compliance of the Grand Trunk with this order of the railway commission and for its disobedience of the statute.

So that the World contends that every citizen who is in favor of public rights should stand up and fight for this penny-a-mile passenger rate. And every man should enter an action for damages when he is refused his rights, as set out by the railway commission. A few lawyers' letters will throw Mr. Hays into a panic.

And there is still a greater issue in this question that comes home to every man in this country and that is this new doctrine set up by the Grand Trunk, we suppose on the advice of their solicitor, that acts of parliament may be repealed by implication. Things will have reached a nice pass in this country when the ordinary criminals make the same pretence and say in the police court that the criminal code has been repealed by implication, that when a man is caught stealing a horse, he can get free by urging that the law has been repealed by implication and that he desires to go to the supreme court to present this doctrine of appeal by implication; and the poor fellow in the division court will be pleading that he should not pay his debt and that he too wishes to take the case to the supreme court to vindicate the doctrine of "repeal by implication" of the law for the recovery of minor debts.

Keep the agitation going. And never forget this fact that the only legal basis of the splendid penny-a-mile railway passenger service enjoyed by the people of Great Britain rests on the very same words and provision in their original acts of incorporation that are set out in the Grand Trunk's act and which it has the arrogance to defy.

So that Mr Foy ought to get busy, for Mr. Curry will be busy, and the public ought to get busy and stir up their members of parliament and the legislature by asking them what they think of ministers and law officers who are paid to look after public rights, but neglect them, and the travelers ought to demand penny-a-mile tickets and if refused ought to start lawyers after the Grand Trunk for damages.

The Montreal Herald, under a big heading, to the effect that the Grand Trunk will fight the order, prints a statement of Mr. Biggar's (the company's solicitor) giving his reasons for fighting. These reasons are the very reasons that he gave the railway commission and which the commission declared to be worthless. Mr. Biggar is up a tree and so is Mr. Hays, if Mr. Foy gets his little gun and hands it to Mr. Curry to fire, they'll soon come tumbling down. The future of the Whitney government is very much involved in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's taunt, "Go to Mr. Foy." But should Mr. Foy make good he has the big chief at Ottawa on the run for the first convenient hole.

The judgment of the railway commission marks the crowning epoch in a most remarkable agitation. Now more than half a century some power has been found to compel the Grand Trunk Railway to obey the law of the land and to carry out the express provisions of its own charter. For half a century the government of Canada and the railway company alike ignored the law. Then for five years after public attention had been challenged the company defied the law and the Dominion Government refused to proceed against it.

During the same session of parliament, 1903, the present member for South York repeatedly called upon the government to state its attitude with regard to the enforcement of the law against the Grand Trunk Company. For doing this, he was quite bitterly assailed by a number of the supporters of the government, and, indeed, he played a lone hand throuout. Mr. J. T. Schell, M.P. for Glengarry, on March 8, 1907, denounced this agitation. He said: "I am quite satisfied that the people of Glengarry do not want to ride in a cattle car at two cents per mile."

Big Dan Derbyshire, of Brockville, became very indignant on the subject. Referring to the member for South York, he said:

"He has always occupied the floor taking up the time of this house, but the other day he took up the whole time of the sitting of the railway committee in shouting this two-cent rate and other things by which he hopes to make himself popular."

R. G. McPherson and Bill Galliher, the twin members from British Columbia, also became very indignant. Referring to Mr. Maclean's demand, that the government should compel the G.T.R. to obey the law, Mr. McPherson said:

"My hon. friend, Mr. Maclean, is fond of doing the high dive act in the house. He is fond of getting up before the footlights and doing the hoochee-koochee, and the high kick act when there is anything to be made out of it."

Nevertheless Mr. Maclean insisted, and finally smoked out the first minister, who made this remarkable statement:

"Must we submit to the humiliation of having laws with no power to enforce them? We have the power to enforce them; the power is vested in the province, and when my hon. friend (W. F. Maclean, South York) directs his diatribes against my hon. friend, the minister of justice, and charges him with failure to enforce our federal laws, I would ask my hon. friend to address himself to the attorney-general of the Province of Ontario and the attorney-general of the province of Quebec.

"He said a moment ago that when the Grand Trunk Railway was given a charter, fifty years ago, one of the conditions was that the company should carry passengers for two cents a mile and provide a third-class car. He says this has not been done. And, true, it has not. He says 'Why don't you enforce the law?' Well, Mr. Chairman he has only to apply to Mr. Foy, the attorney-general of the Province of Ontario, who is the party entrusted under our constitution to look after this matter so far as it concerns the Province of Ontario. He has only to apply to the attorney-general of the province and tell him that the provision of the law imposed upon the Grand Trunk Company has been violated by that company, and there he will find his remedy."

In the meantime efforts had not been lacking to obtain relief thru the courts. On Nov. 1, 1906, an information was filed in the Toronto police court by William N. Robertson, a reporter of The Toronto World, setting forth that he had on every possible train, attempted to get third-class service from the Grand Trunk Railway, and had tendered the fare of a penny a mile, and had been ejected from all their trains and that the said G.T.R. was not giving any penny-a-mile service. A warrant was issued for the arrest of General Manager Hays, who being brought before Col. Denison pleaded not guilty. Upon the evidence he was adjudged guilty, but a reserved case was granted. Pending this appeal an application was made for an order of mandamus on the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada to furnish a daily third-class service at a penny-a-mile. This application was dismissed, because the complainant had a remedy thru the board of railway commissioners.

On March 14, 1907, the Ontario Court of Appeal reversed the conviction of Charles M. Hays upon the ground that the crime set forth had been committed by the railway and not by C. M. Hays personally.

Mr. Maclean still persevered and having been referred to the railway commission complaint was duly lodged with that commission, Messrs. Coryes, Eggs and Wallace, for the complainant, asked the commissioners to make an order requiring the said Grand Trunk Railway to obey the law. This application was filed on April 16, 1907, and was argued at considerable length when the board last met in Toronto, J. W. Curry K. C., who had conducted the proceedings in the police court, and in the court of appeal of Ontario, appeared for the complainant, and the Grand Trunk Railway was represented by Wallace Nesbitt, K.C.

Yesterday the board decided that the Grand Trunk Railway must obey the law like any other institution, and that this long defiance of law must come to an end.

RESULTS

True, the railway company will, no doubt, drag the case to the supreme court of Canada and possibly from there to the lords in England, and

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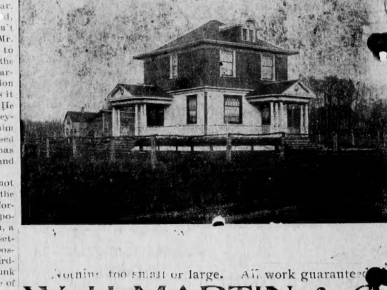
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for several more years laugh at their charter obligations, and at the laws of Canada, but the end is at least in sight. The agitation of the last few years by the member for South York (W. F. Maclean) in parliament, on the hustings, in courts and elsewhere has brought the following results:

1. There is now a uniform maximum passenger fare all over Canada east of the Rocky Mountains, of 2 cents a mile. The people living along the Grand Trunk Railway east of Toronto are no longer held up for 3 1-2c or 3 1-2c a mile nor are the people in the neighborhood of Ottawa held up for 4c or even more.

2. The beginning of the 2-cent rate is assured. Once tried, it will justify itself and the G.T.R. will find that it is benefited in the end by this decision in favor of the people.

3. The railway commission is strengthened in public esteem and the people generally will be more willing to look to it for relief and they will not look in vain.

WHERE JAPAN RULES

(Collier's)

It has been reserved for our time to see the pathetic end of one of the world's most ancient empires. The last pretense of Korean independence was abolished by the enforced abdication of the Emperor on July 19. Korea is now a subject province of Japan, still, indeed, possessing an imperial figurehead, but with less real independence and liberty than are enjoyed by any of the home provinces of Nippon.

The action of the Emperor in sending a delegation to ask admittance to the Hague Conference was held by the Japanese to make his position impossible. The Premier of Japan, Marquis Hayashi, visited Seoul in person. Under Japanese pressure, the Korean Premier and Cabinet laid before the Emperor a long list of political errors and humbly urged him to save the country by abdicating in favor of the Crown Prince. The advice was so unpalatable that the monarch at first refused to accept it. He called the Elder Statesmen into conference, but they unanimously urged the same course. The Emperor finally yielded and issued a proclamation saying that during the forty-four years of his reign national calamities had followed in rapid succession. The people's distress had now become so aggravated that he thought the time had come to transfer the crown to the heir apparent in accordance with ancestral usage.

The abdication did not restore tranquility. On the contrary, it proved the one thing needed to rouse a patient and inert people to fury. The native troops displayed a mutinous spirit. Crowds of country people crowded into Seoul, and the small Japanese garrison was in a precarious position. Five thousand Koreans tried to storm the palace gates and there was rioting throughout the capital. At the time of the abdication there were about ten thousand Japanese soldiers in Korea, a number entirely insufficient to hold down even an unarmed nation of ten million people if it had any national spirit. The Japanese have not yet succeeded in pacifying the little island of Formosa, which they have held for a dozen years, although the trouble-making savages there are only a hundred thousand strong. A really serious rising in Korea would put them under bonds to keep the peace everywhere else for an indefinite time.

The fate of Korea is a solemn warning that to survive in the present state of this world a nation must be either deserving or strong. It is generally, although not always, possible to find sufficient decency in mankind to protect a nation that is deserving though weak. A country that is strong can protect itself, however undeserving it may be. But one that has neither the strength to take care of itself nor the virtue to win the protection from others has no rights that any more vigorous Power is bound to respect. Korea knocked vainly at the doors of the Hague Conference. She has not a single battleship to emphasize her desire for peace. A London paper humorously observed that the late Emperor brought his fate upon himself by having taken the Hague Conference too seriously, and another remarked with cheerful cynicism: "After all, Korea, by the very circumstances of her geographical position, was foredoomed to be a spoil of war, and the complete Japanization of Korea can only be a matter of time, provided that the verdict of the last war remains unaltered."

The strenuous proceedings of the Japanese in Korea will furnish new arguments to the advocates of exclusion in California, British Columbia, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. Ten or fifteen million natives of the Korean Empire have been regarded as simply annoying obstructions in the way of the occupation of the land by the Japanese immigrants. The question naturally suggests itself whether the natives of other lands suitable for immigration are regarded in a similar light.

As so many people have done before them, the Koreans are beginning to struggle for their independence when it is too late. They sluggishly leaned first up China and then upon Russia, doing nothing for themselves, and now that they find themselves the serfs of Japan they suddenly discover that they do not like it. The statesmen who could not defend their powers when they had it are intriguing for its recovery now that they have lost it. The discarded Emperor himself is secured from the moment of his abdication, attempting to continue to rule through his son, and some of his chief advisers have been arrested for conspiracy. The end may be the abolition of even the pretense of a native government and the transformation of the Japanese Resident into a Governor-General.

Hammers.

Hammers are represented on the monuments of Egypt twenty centuries before our era. They greatly resemble the hammer now in use, save that there were no claws on the back for the extraction of nails. The first hammer was undoubtedly a stone held in the hand. Claw hammers were invented some time during the middle ages. Illuminated manuscripts of the eleventh century represent carpenters with claw hammers. Hammers are of all sizes, from the dainty instruments used by the jeweler, which weigh less than half an ounce, to the gigantic fifty ton hammer of shipbuilding establishments, some of which weigh as much as fifty tons and have a falling force of from ninety to a hundred. Every trade has its own hammer and its own way of using it.

Queer Weather Forecasting.

One of the rites performed by the French peasants on New Year's eve is the forecasting of the weather for the coming year by means of onions. When the bells ring for midnight mass they scoop out the middles of twelve onions, set them in a row on the kitchen table, fill them with salt and name them for the months of the year. Then when they return from mass they examine the condition of the salt. If it has melted in any of the "months," those months will be rainy; if the salt remains dry, it indicates drought; if half melted, the first fortnight of the month will be wet. The peasants have such implicit faith in this means of foretelling the weather that they plant their crops in accordance with the prophecy of the onions.

The Iron Law of Caste.

As an illustration of the exclusiveness of caste, which a native of India will do almost anything to preserve, it might be mentioned that when money passes between a low caste and a high caste man the coin is thrown on the ground by the one and picked up by the other for fear of defilement. They may not stand on the same carpet or enter the same room. Neither must the low caste man cross the threshold of his superior's house or hut. If he wants to communicate with him he stands outside and bawls.

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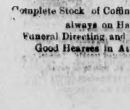
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Mr. Campbell, secretary of the newly formed Rugby football club, has not yet received any reply from the Edmonton club to his letter written a few days ago asking for a game.

A temple of Pythian sisters was instituted in Edmonton last night, and to day Mrs. C. E. Brown, the organizer spent some time in the capital instructing the officers in their duties.

The heavy rain of last night is causing some slight uneasiness among the farmers in this vicinity. They have no misgivings as to the crop ripening but the heavier fields are lodging considerably and will be difficult to cut.

Harry Jones, a Gooderich man, who returned home recently from this city complains to his local paper that carpenters are forced through lack of work, to go digging in the ditches. The gentleman was not personally affected, for he is no carpenter. Most of his time was spent showing off his shape in front of a down town hotel. He did cut some cord wood but the occupation made his hands sore and he quit and went back East. He is better there.

J. S. Johnstone of Toronto, and C. E. McKenzie, of Brandwardine, Man., and W. A. McKay, of Kenton, Man., are visiting in this city the guests of F.D. Johnstone, Whyte Ave. The Johnstone brothers have not met for eleven years. The party are on a touring trip, looking over the country. Messrs. McKay and McKenzie are large farmers in Manitoba. They say the crops there will be late, but look well. The whole party is greatly pleased with this city and district.

In the city there are several interdicted persons who have been in the habit of frequenting bar rooms, which is contrary to the law, even if they do not drink there, and the police intend in the future to put a stop to this practice. The section of the Ordinance dealing with this matter provides that: "Any interdicted person who frequents or is found in the bar room of any licensed hotel or on the premises for which a wholesale license has been granted, may be arrested and on summary conviction shall be liable to a fine of not more than $50, and in default of payment forthwith after conviction to imprisonment for not more than one month.

Fighting For Fire.

A great ceremony in Jerusalem is on Easter Saturday, and commemorates the ancient tradition of the celestial fire that was said to rise from the tomb of Christ. The Greek patriarch enters the sanctuary of the sepulcher, the door closes behind him, and the surging, tossing, tumultuous multitude await the coming of the fire. Suddenly out of the right hand window in the wall of the sepulcher shoot flames of fire, and in an instant every one of the thousands has produced a candle and dashes madly forward to light it at the mystic fire. The light thus taken from the holy sepulcher is instantly carried to all the Christian villages round about Jerusalem, and fleet footed young men vie with one another in being first to light their local shrines with the divine flame. The writer has seen two rival runners put down their candles and indulge in a sanguinary battle with knives and sticks until the light of one of them is put out. There is no joke meant here, but each is striving desperately to extinguish the flame of the other.—Travel Magazine.

His Last Chance.

"Did you ever notice," said Mrs. N. Peck, "that about half the pictures in the photographers' windows are of bridal couples? I wonder why they always rush off to the photographer as soon as the knot is tied."

"I guess the husband is responsible for it," said Mr. Peck. "He realizes that it is about his last chance to ever look pleasant."

A Word For Herself.

The young widow of an old husband inscribed the following words upon her dear departed's tomb:

"To the memory of Mathurin Berruquet, who left this vale of tears at the age of ninety-nine years, eleven months and twenty days, deeply grieved at having to leave behind him the most charming and faithful of wives."—Pele Mele.

Professional Ethics.

The acquitted woman (young and pretty) kissed her lawyer.

"Madam," said he, with an attempt at firmness, "my stipulation was that there should be no fee in this case. You must permit me to return it."

Pretty Close.

A certain elderly lady was in a fairly good position and lived in one of the suburbs of a large town. One morning she went to her butcher with a basket filled with wooden skewers. She told him she had saved them—that they had been weighed to her as meat and that she had brought them to receive their weight back again in meat! Is there a man bold enough to carry economy so far?

Perhaps the meannesses of mean people are more often actuated by feelings of avarice than by those of economy. It would be difficult, for instance, to find a worse case than the following: An old man once wrote a letter to a friend, and, wishing to save his stamp, he ordered his servant to take it to the address. It was raining, and the girl wore a new dress that she was afraid of spoiling. She looked into the street, saw a boy she knew, and, calling out to him, she said, "Deliver this letter for me, and I will give you a penny." The miser heard the offer and said, "Give me the penny, and I will carry the letter myself." What is more, he did so.—London Captain.

Knew Him Too Well.

The late President Chester A. Arthur, although he was a man of warm friendships, had a high sense of personal dignity that would brook no undue familiarities. A lifelong friend of Mr. Arthur, who had accompanied him on one of his hunting trips, was telling an acquaintance some of the incidents of the hunt.

"I know it's the general impression," he said, "that Mr. Arthur is a cold, self centered sort of man, but it isn't true. He is one of the most genial and companionable of men when you become well acquainted with him. I thought I already knew him pretty well, but I came to understand him better while on that trip than ever before."

"I suppose you know him well enough now to call him by his first name," ventured the other.

"On the contrary," was the rejoinder, "I know him well enough not to call him by his first name."

Desert Plants.

Plants of the desert, as a rule, possess few leaves, the cactus, for instance, being mostly spines. There is a very good reason for the lack of leaves in desert plants. The object is to check the transformation of moisture by offering as small a surface as possible to the dry air. For the same reason the roots of desert plants usually run deep into the soil so that they can suck up all the available moisture. In some instances the leaves assume a vertical position and thus avoid the direct rays of the burning desert sun. On the other hand, the leaves of trees in very wet countries are provided with points—such as the maple—from which the rain drops off. Were the leaves flatter the rain would collect and make them rot.

A Surprise.

A cook at a cheap boarding house played a little game on a grumbling boarder by serving him with a piece of sole leather instead of beefsteak.

"You've changed your butcher, Mrs. Hascher?" said the boarder, looking up at the landlady after sawing two or three minutes at the leather.

"Same butcher as usual," replied the boarding mistress, with a patronizing smile. "Why?"

"Oh, nothing much," said the boarder, trying to make an impression on the steak with his knife and fork, "only this piece of meat is the tenderest I have had in this house for some weeks."—Strand Magazine.

In a German Law Court.

A German law court was the scene lately of an amusing incident. The magistrate, a firesome and long winded person, was deciding a small case in which the plaintiff claimed damages for abuse. "To call a man a 'pig' or a 'dog,'" replied the judge, "is certainly an insult, but to say that he is a 'pig-dog' is offensive, for no such animal exists." The plaintiff glared at the bench. "Schweine-Hund!" he remarked, with bitter emphasis.—T. P.'s London Weekly.

The Innocent Joys of Youth.

"Gracious, Fanny!" exclaimed a mother to her little daughter. "Why are you shouting like that? Why can't you be quiet like your brother?"

"He's got to be quiet," replied Fanny. "He's playing papa coming home into."

"And who are you playing?"

"Oh, I'm playing you!"

Always on Guard.

Friend (to draper in his shop)—I notice that all your assistants squint most horribly. Couldn't you have got some better looking ones?

"I chose them purposely. They are most useful in keeping a watch on people. My customers never know on which side they are looking."—Nos Loisirs.

Baby's Mamma.

Sister (teasingly)—Mamma's more my mamma than she is yours. She was my mamma ever so long before she was yours, Baby (stoutly)—That don't make any difference. I'm the littlest, and the littler a person is the more mamma she is.

The Honor of Brave Men.

"You refuse to fight me?"

"Certainly."

"I believe you are a coward."

"Of course you do. Otherwise you never would have dared mention the matter."

Elephants are always drawn smaller than life, but a flea always larger.—Swift.

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